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Cassandra Davis	3611	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 May 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

and

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 15-23, and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schweikert, US 2003/0066218.

With respect to claims 1, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 25, Schweikert teaches catheter information ring 110 comprising an identification member 124, 630 and a cross member 112, 602 attached to the identification member, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp 170 to retain the identification member 124, 630 adjacent the clamp

independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located. (See figures 1, 2, 4-9).

Schweikert teaches engaging members 614 and 616 for securing the holes clamp

Referring to claim 12, 20 and 24, Schweikert teaches a first connecting portion having an identification member 630, and a cross member 602 attached to the identification member 630, wherein the cross member transverses a hose clamp to retain the identification member 630 adjacent the clamp independently of the hose on which the hose clamp is located. Schweikert also teaches a second connecting portion 608 engageable with the first connecting portion, wherein the second connecting portion has a cross member 610 having a curved or rounded portion which is loosely engageable against the curved portion 584 of the hose clamp. See paragraph 0044. The curved portion of the cross member 610 of the second cross member corresponds to the “member that engages the hose clamp” as claimed.

With respect to claim 2, the identification member is in the form of a plate. (See figures 1-12).

With respect to claim 3, Schweikert also teaches a stabilizing plate 130 attached to the cross member 112 so the stabilizing plate is substantially parallel the identification plate.

With respect to claims 4, 25, and 21, the stabilizing plate taught by Schweikert is be removable retained substantially adjacent the clamp. The information ring is adapted to selectively inserted and removed from the clamp both independently of the clamp in one embodiment and independently of the hose or conduit in another embodiment.

With respect to claim 6, the identification device substantially matches the contours of the hose clamp so no portions of the identification device substantially protrude beyond the hose clamp. (See paragraph 0042).

With respect to claim 7, the identification device is secured adjacent the hose clamp to reduce or prevent movement of the identification device independent of the hose clamp. The information ring is adapted to have the hose or conduit extend through opening 122.

With respect to claim 20, the opening 22 allow the information ring to engage the hose or conduit.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-6642. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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